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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1905.

Miss Mary E. Perry received a worthy compliment at Booneville last week, when the Missouri Conference of Charities and Correction, at their session, elected her State President. No one has done more in the State than Miss Perry has to foster an interest in the various State institutions, in all instances for the betterment of existing conditions.

Senator Platt, before the New York Insurance Investigating Committee, admits that all three of the big companies, the Life, the Mutual and the Equitable, made regular contributions to the Republican State campaign fund, and thus hints at perjury on the part of Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual, who testified before this same committee several weeks ago that he had never heard of the Mutual making any contributions to State campaign funds.

State Insurance Commissioner Vandiver says he is "not for destroying the insurance business in Missouri, but for reforming its abuses and improving its methods." He declares that there are many abuses of a less conspicuous character than those brought out by the New York investigation that need reforming, and that he has not relaxed his efforts, because of the temporary restraining order against his action in the New York case. He does not intend to discriminate, but if permitted to do so the demand of "honest business or no business at all in Missouri" will be enforced against all insurance companies alike.

EMIL PRETORIUS DEAD

Dr. Emil Pretorius, the veteran editor of the Westliche Post, died at his home in St. Louis last Sunday morning, aged 78 years. He was born in Rhein-Hessen, Germany, in 1827, took degrees in law at both Gießen and Heidelberg, and at his majority took part in the revolutionary measures of 1848-49. He was compelled to leave Germany on this account, and in 1849 he came to America. He was active in the American idea of government, and from the time of his arrival on American soil was an American in heart and soul. When the valleys along the Rhine were flooded in the seventies, he was active in soliciting funds for the families rendered destitute, and he and his co-workers raised \$75,000 and forwarded to their relief. For this the German Emperor offered Dr. Pretorius a decoration, but he declined it, saying, "Americans have no need to be decorated."

When he came to America he located in St. Louis, and for a time engaged in commercial pursuits. In 1860 he espoused the cause of Lincoln, and being a fluent speaker took the rostrum for him. In 1862 he was elected to the legislature. He opposed the Drake proscription laws against Southern sympathizers, and supported the Liberal Republican movement in 1870 in which B. Gratz Brown was elected Governor and the Drake intolerance came to an end. In 1864 he took charge of the Westliche Post, of which he remained editor up to the time of his death, and was generally recognized as one of the leading exponents of German-American journalism.

SECRETARY TAFT, THE TARIFF AND PHILIPPINES.

Secretary of War William H. Taft was the guest of honor at a banquet of the Commercial Club at Kansas City last Monday night. In response to the toast, "The Philippines," he made a strong plea for free trade with our far-away colonies, and scored the attitude of the sugar and tobacco producers of the United States as "the quintessence of selfishness in opposing the gradual betterment of the production of sugar and tobacco in the Philippines by opening the American market to these islands." His argument for the introduction of Philippine products free of duty or at a very low rate of tariff will apply as well to other countries and many articles that are practically prohibited by the Dingley tariff law—that the fear of injury to particular interests in this country is chimerical and built upon hypotheses. In his zeal to procure legislation in this direction for the Philippines, which he says he is in-

terested in having enacted at this session of Congress, he is stepping far over on to Democratic grounds, as did President Roosevelt when he aroused the ire of the "stand-patters" by announcing the policy of buying ships and material for use in constructing the Panama canal where they could be bought the cheapest.

Another point in Secretary Taft's speech was his definition of the relations existing between the United States and the Philippines. He said, "These islands are ours and must be for more than a generation. It is quite probable that those called upon to act as legislators will not live to see the day when separation consistent with the welfare of the Filipinos can be made. For practical purposes, then, the Philippines are a part of the United States. By a most fortunate [he must have meant unfortunate] decision of the Supreme Court, they are not made a part of the territory of the United States, because constitutional restrictions and inhibitions would have very seriously interfered with wise government adapted to these islands."

That is a very ingenious acknowledgment that our forcible possession and government of the Philippines is clear outside of all constitutional sanction and every principle for which our system of government stands. No authority save that of "the big stick"—a very vascillating tutor to inspire the Filipino with veneration for the peculiar brand of liberty and independence adopted by us in fitting him for and instructing him in the art of self-government—of which we claim he knows nothing.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

BISMARCK BREVITIES.

J. M. Burke was in DeSoto Sunday.
Wm. Tomblinson spent Sunday with his family here.
Chris Wallace is erecting a new blacksmith shop.
Geo. J. Geoltz, Jr., visited in Iron Mountain Sunday.
K. L. Sherrill has returned home from a Southern trip.
Mrs. McGeorge is entertaining her mother from DeLaune.
Mrs. L. H. Butler returned home from St. Louis Saturday.
Mrs. Pettit of St. Louis is visiting the family of John D. Webb.
Mrs. Clark of Ironton is visiting the family of J. W. Whitworth.
Misses Park of DeSoto are visiting the family of N. A. Cottrell.
Conductor Steward and wife returned home Indiana this week.
Mrs. Chas. C. Dent visited her parents in Bellevue this week.
Mr. Millman of the Bell Telephone Co. is here supervising the construction of the Bismarck system.
A spelling bee between the Bismarck and Dent schools resulted in a victory for the Dent school last Friday night.
Walter Bone has been promoted from section foreman to assistant road master on the Ill. Southern R. R. and will move to Ill. John Kall will fill his position as section foreman here.

JAY DEE DOINGS.

Mrs. Kennedy was in Farmington Wednesday.
Joe Walker made a business trip to Doe Run Saturday.
Dr. Scott was attending court in Farmington last week.
Mr. Landolt made a business trip to Farmington Thursday.
Wm. Pigg and sister, Almada, were in Boone Terre Saturday.
Mrs. Ellis Cunningham is slowly recovering after a severe illness.
Mr. Crancleton and Mr. Lassource had business in Desloge Saturday.
Lone Pinkston and sisters, Jessie and Irene, have gone to St. Louis.
Miss Annie Halter attended the lecture at Three Rivers Sunday night.
Will and Edy Mund and families are visiting Eli Hopkins of Farmington.
Mrs. Mary Johnson has gone to Fredericktown to visit her son Joe Johnson.
The Sunday School at Alsbury Chapel are preparing for a Christmas entertainment.
Mr. A. L. Cunningham of Three Rivers visited at Hazel Run Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cunningham are visiting Mr. Cunningham's parents at this place.
Mr. H. F. McJowell has resigned his position as teacher of the Cave Spring school.
Messrs. Burke Shelly, Wm. Smith and Frank Madlinger were in Desloge on business Saturday.
Miss Lavinia Beard of Womack has returned home after a short visit with her aunt, Mrs. Kennedy.
Miss Kaye Hastings of Arlington, Ky., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chapman, has returned home.
Sam Hagadone and Misses Pearl, Ola and Myrtle Welker of Farmington visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.
J. E. Sigman, Quarterly Meeting Clerk, F. Mund, John Callich and T. J. Buckner, delegates from Alsbury Chapel Church, attended the Quarterly

GRAND ROLLER SKATING OPENING, FRIDAY, NOV. 24, AT BROKENSHIRE'S HALL, BONNE TERRE, FROM 7:30 TO 10 P. M.

Admission, Including Skates, Gentlemen, 25cts, Ladies 15cts, Children 10cts. Skating Every Evening Except Monday, Thursday and Sunday. Good Exercise And Sport--Anybody Can Learn To Skate. All The Rage Everywhere.

Meeting of the Free Baptist Church at Flat River on Friday and Saturday. They report a good revival meeting in progress at the Free Baptist Church, conducted by Elders Taylor and W. C. Hill, there being thirty-four additions to the church.

Several of our citizens have been attending court the past week as witnesses in the Cunningham murder case.

Arthur Sigman and Ferman Newby attended the lecture at Three Rivers the night of the twelfth. They report a good lecture.

Frank Wilder is running a saw-mill at T. Newby's and two wood saws are at work in the neighborhood sawing fire wood.

LIBERTYVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. P. A. Cashion is sick with tonsillitis.
Ed Lawrence left for his home in Oregon Friday.
Born, Nov. 19, 1905, to the wife of P. G. Keith, a daughter.
Ralph Tillman of St. Louis was down on the farm last week shooting quail and rabbits.
Little Miss Margaret Stepp, who

has been with her uncle, F. L. Graham, for some time, returned to her home at Jackson last week.
Miss Tonia Sebastian of St. Louis visited her mother, Mrs. J. C. Crow, here last week.
Miss May Brown and her cousin, Miss Williams of Jackson, are visiting Miss Ste. Mary Kinkead.
One of the diamond drills that was drilling on A. M. Wallace's farm was moved to Flat River Saturday.
Miss Maud Berryman came up from Fredericktown last week and will remain with her sister, Mrs. Woodford, here this winter.
Mrs. A. J. Banes and Mrs. J. C. Houser and children returned from Mine La Motte Monday and ate the guests of J. W. Banes and G. W. Simpson this week. They will return to their home in Flat River Saturday.

The City Meat Market, (Thos. A. Sen, proprietor,) is open again for business, and the patronage of all his former customers and the public generally is cordially solicited.

Tetley's is the place to buy watches, rings, pins, chains and all kinds of jewelry.

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By placing your Thanksgiving order with us NOW, you will get the full benefit of the complete and tasty stock of good things we have provided for immediate selling. You can leave your order now, to be delivered at any time you want it. Everything will be delivered to you fresh, clean, in good condition and promptly when wanted. We do not believe you can hope to get the high quality we offer at the uniformly reasonable prices we charge. We do not consider the transaction complete until you are thoroughly satisfied. Don't put it off--the very thing you want MIGHT be gone. Place your order now, before the rush, while you can choose carefully and at leisure. Note a few of the many good things we offer:

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TURKEYS—Especially raised and fed for us in this country. Live or dressed, each one fat, tender and better than the "hit-or-miss" turkeys offered by others. Any size or price you want.
CELERY—Not the "ordinary" kind, but special, finest bleached celery. Just as crisp, tender and delicious as any celery ever grown.
CRANBERRIES—Direct to us from the home of the berry—Cape Cod. None better obtainable to the world. Strictly first class.
LETTUCE, RADISHES, ONIONS AND CAULIFLOWER—The finest of each grown in America. Extra fancy.
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BONNE TERRE BAND, OPERA HOUSE, DECEMBER 5th.

- Program.**
PART FIRST.
1. March—"Fifth Regiment".....Rosenkrantz Band.
2. Duet—"Love and Beauty".....Ripley (Clarinet and Cornet.)
Messrs. J. M. Radle and J. D. DeBuchanan.
3. Selection—"Machbeth".....Verdi Band.
4. Saxophone Solo—"Hearts and Flowers".....Tobani Mr. G. S. Parsons.
5. Serenade—"Cupid's Charming".....Miller Band.
6. Saxophone Quartet—"Lombardi".....Verdi Messrs. Kindig, Parsons, Matkin and Norwine.
PART SECOND.
1. Overture—"Rochester".....Dalby Band.
2. Piano Solo—"Norma".....Bellini Miss Mayne Frey.
3. Baritone Solo—"Old Kentucky Home".....Fisher Mr. M. J. Ramsey.
4. Waltz—"Thelma".....Jarrett Band.
5. Clarinet Solo—"Blue Bells of Scotland".....Rollinson Mr. J. M. Radle.
6. March—"The Rambler".....Crumbling Band.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

Southeast Missouri Teachers' Association to be held at Cape Girardeau Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2.

PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
Afternoon—Foot-ball game, 7:30 P. M.
Music—Prayer.
Address of Welcome—R. S. Douglas.
Response—Supt. Paul Price, Ste Genevieve.
Address—The Relation of the Normal School to the Schools of Southeast Missouri—President W. S. Deamont, State Normal, Cape Girardeau.
FRIDAY, DEC. 1—9 A. M.
Paper—Nature Study in the Grades—B. G. Shackelford, Cape Girardeau. Discussion.
Paper—Some Pressing Problems of the Rural Schools—W. T. Carrington, State Superintendent. Discussion.
Paper—The Course of Study in Our Smaller High Schools—R. E. Bailey, Bloomfield. Discussion.
AFTERNOON—1:30
Paper—Points of Contrast Between the Schools and Community—A. S. Boucher, Dexter. Discussion.
Paper—Professional Improvement of Teachers—W. L. Barrett, Poplar Bluff. Discussion.
Model Lesson in Primary Reading—Miss Katherine Pasch, Cape Girardeau. Discussion.
Evening, 7:30—Elocutionary Program.
SATURDAY, DEC. 2—8:30 A. M.
Business Meeting, 30 minutes.
Paper—Moral Training in the Public Schools—Louis Thielmann, Boone Terre. Discussion.
Paper—Free Gymnastics in Schools—J. C. Elder, Cape Girardeau. Discussion.
Papers limited to twenty minutes and discussion of each to forty minutes.
The committee on entertainment expects to be able to entertain the ladies free of charge. The hotels will give reduced rates to those who attend the Association.
The railroad will give one and one-third rate on the certificate plan. The officers of the association are: A. D. Simpson, president, Charleston; Louis Thielmann, vice president, Boone Terre; Miss Susie Watts, secretary, Farmington; Paul Price, treasurer, Ste. Genevieve; B. A. Thaxter, railroad secretary, Cape Girardeau.

SOUTHEAST NEWS.

Children are dying in great numbers around Glen Allen from diphtheria.
The Current Local of Van Buren has been presented with twin pumpkins.
Augustus Dover, aged 70 years, died on the 10th at his home at Perryville.
At Poplar Bluff the ladies are planning to hold a weekly social in the Elk rooms.
The Caldwell family of Cape Girardeau had a gathering on the 10th at Pleasant Hill. There were about one hundred people present.
Over 300 people have been added to the various churches at Poplar Bluff during the revival services conducted by Rev Albert Sitten.
Mrs. Andrew Siebert died at her home in Ste. Genevieve on the 12th, aged 65 years. She was the mother of 13 children, eight of whom are living, and she had 22 grand children.
Two young men of Charleston had a quarrel on the 15th as to which had the most money, when one, Ed Parker, shot and killed Will Hancock. They had formerly been great friends.

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